



Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23 or Eph 4:1–13 or 4:1–7, 11–13

Mk 16:15–20

Up in Heaven

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the

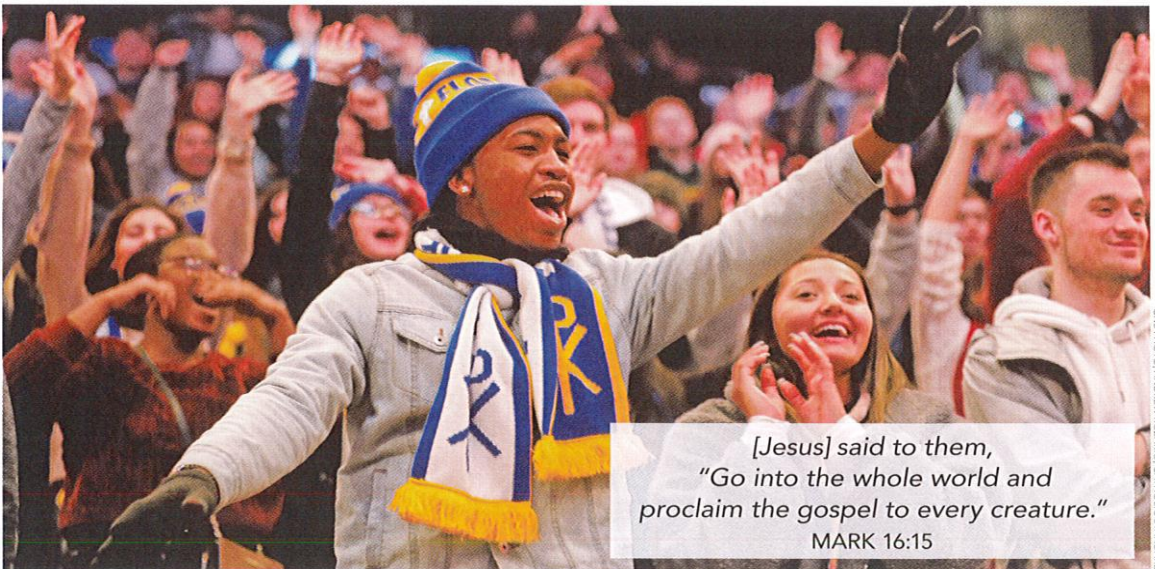
restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✳ *Thank God for people in your life who mirror God’s generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.*
- ✳ *Think about ways you might mirror God’s goodness to others.*



*[Jesus] said to them,
“Go into the whole world and
proclaim the gospel to every creature.”*

MARK 16:15

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

*Go make disciples of all nations.
I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

WELCOME TO THE PARISH UNIT OF:

St. Bernard's, 43 Botsford St., Moncton NB E1C 4W9 (506) 857-0425

St. Vincent's, 63 Charlotte St, Sackville, NB E4L 2Y5 (506) 536-1460

St. Clement's, 14 Church St, Port Elgin, NB E4M 2C9 (506) 538-2262

MASS TIMES – WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2021

St. Bernard's	Friday @ 9:30 AM
	Saturday @ 4:00 PM
	Sunday @ 11 AM
St. Vincent	Sunday @ 9 AM
St. Clement's	Every 2 nd Saturday – call 538-2262 to confirm



**Register
for Mass**

Please note you must register each week to attend Mass - call 857-0425

Deadline to register for all regular Masses: Thursdays, 12 noon

Please arrive early to allow for ushered seating.

Facemasks mandatory.

We are currently in the Covid-19 yellow phase.

Six feet social distancing must be maintained at all times.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM

Priest Moderator:	Fr. Allison S. Carroll	Social Justice:	Claudia McCloskey
Assistant: (part-time)	Fr. Charles Broderick	Catechetics:	Lorella Dunnett
Liturgy	Darlene McGraw	Adult Faith:	Dr. Andrew Wilson

STAFF

Secretary	Darlene McGraw	sbhf@rogers.com darlenemcgraw@rogers.com
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Custodian	Michel Saulnier	

Access to the Parish office is restricted. Phone messages & emails are checked regularly.

If you wish to make an appointment, call the parish office to arrange a time.

Parish office: 506-857-0425 Email: sbhf@rogers.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF WEEK OF MAY 17-23, 2021

Friday	May 21	9:30 AM	Late Marilyn MacLeod	St. Bernard's CWL
Saturday	May 22	4:00 PM	Anniv. late Emery "Tim" Cormier	Arline & family
Sunday	May 23	11:00 AM	Anniv. late Ron Snyder	Stella Snyder



STANDING TOGETHER – EVEN TWO METERS APART!

of course, and I am happy to support my parish through a donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). It is a convenient way to make my Sunday offering and it saves the trouble of filing an envelope or of looking for the right amount of change. It

also allows my parish to be able to count on my uninterrupted contribution ... and I have the pleasure of being part of the solution.

OFFERINGS

MAY 8 & 9, 2021, RECEIVED BY MAIL & ONLINE

Envelopes	\$ 4,172.76	Karing Kitchen	\$ 50.00
Loose	\$ 50.00	Syrian	\$ 120.00
Easter	\$ 175.00	Capital Expenditure	\$ 2,325.00
Papal charities	\$ 50.00	Building Fund	\$ 75.00
Good Friday	\$ 160.00		



Thank you for your generous and continued support !!!

In Sympathy

A time to mourn...

Our sincere sympathies to the families of:

Fernand Arsenault	Brother of Maurice (Linda) Arsenault, Caroline (Charles) Donnahee
Margaret Kastuk	Wife of (late) John

And to all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Ecclesiastes 3...

*Under every season there is a time...A time to heal.
We remember in our prayers those who are sick.:*

Roger Berube	Jessica Fowler	Edgar Doiron
Jenny Purcell	Beth Tingley	

And for all who care for them.

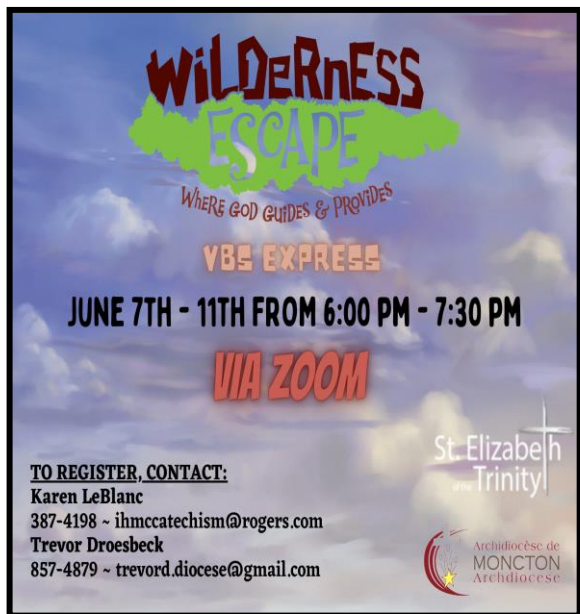
Latin Mass (according to the Tridentine rite):

Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC, bishop of Saint John, has informed us that on January 12, 2021, he has appointed Rev. Michael McGowan as Spiritual Advisor to the Latin Mass Community of the Diocese of Saint John. Father McGowan will provide Mass to the faithful who wish to worship in the Extraordinary Form (according to the Tridentine rite). The Latin Mass will be offered every Sunday at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Fredericton at 12:30 PM. Those interested in attending this Mass are invited to register by contacting the parish by email: olfatima1962@gmail.com Faithful who wish to celebrate the Eucharist according to this rite should participate in this Mass that the Church officially recognizes. **Archbishop Valéry Vienneau.**

VBS Express!

Vacation Bible School 2021

We are now accepting registrations for our virtual VBS which will take place June 7th-11th, on Zoom from 6:00 - 7:30 each evening. This year's theme is **Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides.** For more information or to register, contact Trevor or Karen LeBlanc at St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish grouping, ihmccatechism@rogers.com / 387-4198.



The poster features a background of a cloudy sky. At the top, the words "WILDERNESS" and "ESCAPE" are written in a stylized, jagged font. Below this, the phrase "WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES" is written in a smaller, cursive font. The words "VBS EXPRESS" are written in a bold, blocky font. Below that, the dates and times "JUNE 7TH - 11TH FROM 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM" are displayed. At the bottom, the words "VIA ZOOM" are written in a large, bold font. In the bottom left corner, there is a section titled "TO REGISTER, CONTACT:" followed by the names and contact information for Karen LeBlanc and Trevor Drosbeck. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and the Archdiocese of Moncton.

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857-4879 ~ trevord.diocese@gmail.com

St. Elizabeth
of the Trinity
Archdiocese de
MONCTON
Archdiocese



We Need Your Help:

Isthmus, formerly known as "Blessings in a Backpack" is a charity that provides for families who face food insecurity. They pack bags of food for children and their families that will bridge them from when they leave school on Friday until they return on Monday. Currently **they serve 734 children in 33 Moncton area schools.** They need, but most often cannot afford to purchase, soup. We will have a basket at the entrance of our church to collect cans of soup for this cause **from May 1st through May 17th.** Thank you.

From the Office of Catechetics:



We have wrapped up another year, and what a year it has been. Thank you to all our families for adapting to in-person session to zoom sessions back to in-person session, it has been a roller coaster, but we made it through. We have had a busy year, we celebrated with

15 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, 14 candidates who were welcomed to the table to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and 15 candidates who received the sacrament of Reconciliation. This year would not have been made possible without the help of our most dedicated catechist: Carolyn O'Blenis, Deb D'Ettore, Maria Miller, Claudia McCloskey and Sheila Gorman, along with our helpers, Linda Arseneault and Susan McCarthy. We look forward to seeing all our current and new families back this fall. Wishing all a spectacular and safe summer. Blessings always, Lorella

No Confessions May 29: Please note that Fr. Charlie will not be hearing confessions on Saturday, May 29th at Immaculate Heart of Mary as the church is being cleaned. Confessions will resume as normal on Saturday, June 5th. Thank you for your understanding.



St. Bernard's Parish is offering a \$ 1,000 Bursary to a graduate who is pursuing or enrolled in post-secondary studies. Send or deliver your application to: St. Bernard's Parish Bursary, Parish Office, 43 Botsford St., Moncton, NB E1C

4W9. **Deadline for applications: May 30th, 2021.** Please include a personal letter detailing your involvement at school, in the parish and in the community, as well as your future plans.

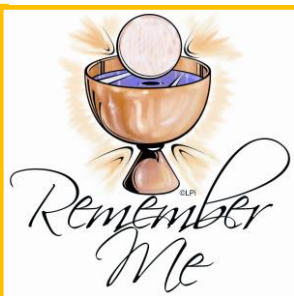


World Communications Day - May 16, 2021:

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those

which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Link to view the message from His Holiness Pope Francis for World Communications Day:
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html



*Congratulations to 14 of our children from
St. Bernard's who received the
sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.
May the blessing of Christ be upon you always.*

<i>Saturday May 8, 2021</i>	<i>Sunday May 9, 2021</i>
<i>Zoey Brown</i>	<i>Jamie Cormier-Boleyn</i>
<i>Sid Hart</i>	<i>Maya Guzman</i>
<i>Matisha Hilario</i>	<i>Cailin Jensen</i>
<i>Meyianna Hilario</i>	<i>Darren Maillard</i>
<i>Jayden Leblanc</i>	<i>Alexandre Manalo</i>
<i>Lyle Pradez</i>	<i>Aislinn Russell-Hurst</i>
<i>Dana Tupas</i>	
<i>Lauren Wage</i>	
<i>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. John 6:54</i>	
<i>A special thank you to Paul LeBlanc of the Knight of Columbus 1310, for providing beautiful rosaries for our children.</i>	



*Congratulations to 15 of our children from
St. Bernard's who received the
sacrament of Reconciliation
for the first time on Saturday May 8, 2021.*

<i>Abigail Bacich</i>	<i>Maeve Porter</i>
<i>Oliva Bacich</i>	<i>Margeaux Ricco</i>
<i>Connor Black</i>	<i>Monic Ricco</i>
<i>Leila Drio</i>	<i>Yumi Sabuga</i>
<i>Tatum Drover</i>	<i>Autumn Silk</i>
<i>Kye England</i>	<i>Daniel Unukpo</i>
<i>Riyana Jude</i>	<i>David Unukpo</i>
<i>Monet Owen</i>	

*Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to
your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.*

Matthew 5:24

STANDING TOGETHER ↔ EVEN 2 METERS APART!

April 17th, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

It is with gratitude that we express appreciation for your presence, commitment, and parish donations, which are all vital to the future of our church community.

Living through a global pandemic, churches, as with all of humanity, are dealing with major challenges. Having to limit attendance at religious celebrations, dealing with times when, at the request of Public Health, we had to close our churches; we are experiencing the loss of each other's presence as we live our faith.

These difficult times have also had an important effect on the parish revenue and expenses. This was to be expected since our main source of income is the weekend collection.

Please know that we are so grateful to all of you who, despite the difficulties brought on by the pandemic, continue to support our parish. Your generosity allows our community of faith to engage actively in the Mission Jesus entrusted to his Church.

If you wish, we would like to make things easier for you by suggesting that you can make your donation by pre-authorized debit (PAD). Some parishioners already chose to use this method as it is convenient for them. When you complete the PAD approval form, a monthly donation comes out of your bank account, thus providing the parish with the stability needed to be able to plan ahead, continue ministering to the faithful, and to oversee the maintenance of the grounds and property on a continuous basis. Naturally, a tax receipt will be issued annually. Your donation can be modified or cancelled at any time.

This envelope contains more information and if you have further questions, please call the parish office and your call will be returned.

Again, thank you and may God bless you and keep you in his everlasting love.



Fr. Allison Carroll, Priest-Moderator

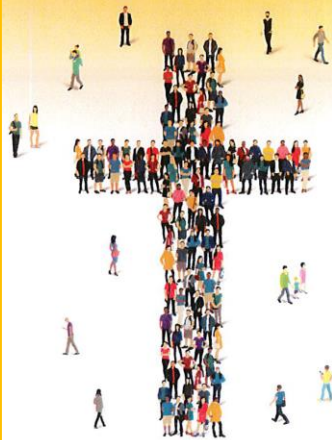
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DONATIONS BY PREAUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD)

Fill out the membership form on the back using the contact details of your parish and return it to the parish unit office. (We can help you by phone)



FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISHES
Please Give Generously

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PARISHES - STANDING TOGETHER - EVEN 2 METERS APART! YOUR DONATION ALLOWS YOUR PARISH TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION

- with families for baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage and funerals;
- with people alone, in need or living with sickness and those searching for meaning in their life;
- for the maintenance and upkeep of churches and cemeteries.

I want to help my parish by enrolling in the preauthorized debit program (PAD). I authorize my parish to make withdrawals on the 15th day of the month from my bank account. I enclose herewith a specimen cheque marked "VOID" which will provide the necessary information for automatic transfers. Furthermore, I retain the right, at any time, to modify or cancel my donation. A receipt will be issued for all donations. Thank you for supporting your parish and your community.

Each monthly withdrawal will correspond to a fixed amount of \$ _____

To be distributed as follows towards the following needs:

Sunday Collections: \$ _____ Special Collections: \$ _____ Maintenance / Renovation Funds: \$ _____ Where's most needed: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says,

"Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom."

We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020



Calendar

Monday

MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

MAY 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

MAY 23

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Gal 5:16-25

Jn 20:19-23

or Jn 15:26-27;

16:12-15

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Overly Anxious About Sin?**
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